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1. BOTH MONTREAL GAZETTE AND LE DEVOIR GAVE THINNISH, ALBEIT PAGE ONE, COVERAGE TO LEVESQUE'S APRIL 19 SPEECH AT HARVARD (WE HAVE NOT YET SEEN THE MONTREAL STAR, WHICH SENT QUEBEC CORRESPONDENT RICHARD DAIGNAULT TO COVER STORY IN CAMBRIDGE). BOTH PAPERS EMPHASIZED CONTRAST BETWEEN LEVESQUE'S SPEECH AT NEW YORK ECONOMIC CLUB IN 1977, IN WHICH HE REPEATEDLY SPOKE OF "INDEPENDENCE" FOR QUEBEC, AND THIS SPEECH, IN WHICH THE TERMS "SOVEREIGNTY" AND "SOVEREIGNTY-ASSOCIATION" WERE USED RATHER THAN "INDEPENDENCE". THE GAZETTE HEADLINEC "LEVESQUE LEAVES BOSTON ACADEMICS A LITTLE CONFUSED" AND RAN COMMENTS FROM SEVERAL AMERICANS IN LEVESQUE'S AUDIENCE WHO SAID THEY WERE NOT SURE OF WHETHER THE PQ REALLY WANTED FULL INDEPENDENCE FROM CANADA. LE DEVOIR COMMENTED THAT LEVESQUE WAS CLEARLY TRYING TO "CALM APPREHENSIONS" IN CANADA'S SOUTHERN NEIGHBOR.

2. LEVESQUE APPEARANCE ALSO RATED SHORT PIECES ON CBC ENGLISH AND FRENCH LANGUAGE NEWS SHOWS LAST NIGHT (APRIL 19). LOCAL ENGLISH NEWS PROGRAM OUT OF MONTREAL RATHER GLEEFULLY RAN CLIP
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OF LEVESQUE CONVERSATION WITH JOHN KENNETH GALBRAITH, IN WHICH GALBRAITH DECLARED THAT "CANADA WITHOUT QUEBEC WOULD SUFFER A TERRIBLE DECLINE."

3. COMMENT: JUDGING BY PRESS ACCOUNTS, LEVESQUE HAS LEARNED SOMETHING FROM HIS COOL RECEPTION IN NEW YORK IN '77. AS HE HAD DONE IN TORONTO SEVERAL WEEKS AGO, LEVESQUE PURPOSELY TRIED

TO CLOUD INDEPENDENCE ISSUE, AND ESCHEWED PROVOCATIVE TERMS,
PREFERRING TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE PQ "CARES ABOUT CANADA" AND DOES
NOT WANT TO DESTROY IT. SOVEREIGNTY-ASSOCIATION, ACCORDING TO
THIS LINE, IS IN THE INTERESTES OF BOTH QUEBEC AND CANADA.
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